

THE  
EXAMINATION  
OF

*Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir Iohn Winter,*  
*Sir Iohn Stowell,* with two other Knights,  
upon their knees at the Barre, in the House  
of Commons, the 14 day of this  
instant October.

With the Articles of high Treason,  
exhibited against them by the  
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**T**uesday being the 14 of Octo-  
ber was Sir Ralph Hopton,  
Sir Iohn Winter, Sir Iohn  
Stowell with two other  
Knights, which were ap-  
prehended at Falmouth in  
the County of Cornwall, by the Earle of  
Bedfords Forces, brought to the Barr in the  
House of Commons, and after submission  
severally made to the House, they were  
commanded out againe by a Sergeant at  
Armes, upon which the House falling into  
debate

debate of the offences by them committed in the County of Summerſet ſhire Dorſet ſhire and Cornwall againſt the Kings good Subjects. They were unanimously voted Delinquents againſt both King and Parliament, after which Sir *Ralph Hopton* was againe called to the Barr, and examined upon theſe queſtions.

First, by what authority or Commiſſion the ſaid Sir *Ralph* did leavy and cauſe to be leavyed Forces in the County of Summerſet ſhire againſt the expreſſe order and declaration publiſhed by authority of both Houſes of Parliament.

2. Wherefore he endeavourd to put the Commiſſion of Array in execution in that County, it having been declared illegall by the Iudgement of both Houſes of Parliament, and in oppoſition to the Ordinance of both Houſes for putting the Militia in execution.

3. By what authority the ſaid Sir *Ralph* cauſed to be raiſed Horſe, Money and Plate for maintenance of the war begun againſt the Parliament, and ſeizing by force of Armes the goods of divers Gentlemen well

well affected to the Parliaments proceedings, which refused to lend any money or plate, or to set forth any Horse according to his desires.

Vpon which, the said Sir *Ralph Hopton* was called to make answer to the said questions, who answered in brief, That whatsoever he had done was by authority from *Marquesse Hartford*, the Lord *Seymour* and the Lord *Paulet*, who had received a Commission of Array from His Majesty, That he was not convinced in his judgement of the illegality of the said Commission, but by vertue thereof had lawfull power to put that County into a posture of Defence.

For his endeavouring to raise money, Horse and plate for the use and service of His Majesty, it was by vertue of Warrants in His Maiesties Name directed to him for that purpose, which he conceived he was bound by his Oath of Allegiance to obey, upon which his answers he was againe commanded from the Barr, and the House falling into consideration and great debate touching the same, *una voce* voted these particulars.

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1. That

1. That the raising of Forces without consent of both Houses of Parliament, and marching with the same against any of his Maiesties Subiects, is actually leauying of war, and hath been by the Lawes of this Land adjudged Treason against King and Parliament.

2. That for any Member of either of both Houses to leave their attendance for the service of the State, and privately depart without leave of the House, and shall in disobedience to the Orders and Summons of the same refuse to make his appearance is a high breach of the priuiledges of Parliament.

3. That to endeavour to raise or procure any money, Armes or Amunition for the nourishing or maintenance of any warre raised against the State is Treason.

4. To joyne any Forces so raised against the Lawes of the Land, and Ordinances of Parliament, with any persons that by both Houses are declared Traytors, is Treason.

5. That the said Sir *Ralph Hopton* is guilty of every the aforesaid Votes, and ought to



to be proceeded against accordingly.

6. That the aforesaid particulars shall be drawne into a charge against the said Sir *Ralph Hopton*, and a Committee appointed for the perfecting of the same, and presenting it to the House on Munday next.

7. That the said Sir *Ralph Hopton* shall be forthwith committed prisoner to the Tower.

After which, Sir *John Stowell* and the rest were called in severally, and after examination it being put to the question, it was resolved that the said Knights, first for joining and confederating themselves with *Marquess Hertford*, Lord *Seymour*, and the Lord *Paulet* in the warre against the Parliament, who are declared Traytors.

1. For raising of Forces joyntly and severally in the Counties of *Summer-setshire*, *Dorchester*, *Devonshire* and *Cornwall*, and marching against the Forces raised by Authority for Parliament, for suppressing tumultuous and malignant persons that have endeavoured to disturb the peace of the Kingdome.

3. For

3. For refusing to appeare before the House of Commons upon their Summons as Delinquents, but returning flight and disobedient answers.

4. For endeavouring to put the Commission of Array in execution against the Parliament are guilty of high Treason.

5. Then the House of Commons appointed a Committee to draw up a charge of Treason against the said Knights upon these severall Votes, and present the same to the House on Tuesday following, and ordered that *Sir John Stowell*, and *Sir John Winter* should be committed to the Tower, *Captaine Digby* to the Gate-house, and the other to the Fleet, which was done accordingly.

**FINIS**



